Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 24 Mar 2023 at 16:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but low for details on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 25 Mar 2023: Cold and cloudy, a few snow showers in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Cloudy	Dull	Light snow	Fog	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	50%	20%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Weather: Mostly dry but cloudy. A few light snow flurries, rain in the glens, likely in the afternoon, mainly over Argyll and the Trossachs.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in the morning, 10-30% in the afternoon and evening, best chances over northern Lochaber.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility outside of low cloud. Patchy cloud down to 800m at first, lifting to around 1200m by late morning. Cloud thickens again in the afternoon and evening, bases lowering to 500-600m, perhaps 900m over Lochaber.

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Forecast for Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/20 NE	19/24 NE	22/28 NE	17/24 NE	13/19 NE	11/16 E	15/21 E	18/25 E	16/24 E
900	12/16 NE	13/18 NE	17/24 NE	15/22 NE	13/19 E	11/16 E	13/20 E	15/23 E	15/23 E
600	12/16 NE	18/22 NE	22/28 NE	19/25 NE	14/20 NE	11/17 E	13/19 E	14/21 E	14/21 E
300	7/11 N	9/15 NE	12/21 NE	10/18 NE	8/15 NE	6/12 E	7/15 E	8/17 E	8/15 NE
Glen	5/12 NE	7/15 N	10/20 NE	10/19 NE	9/17 NE	8/15 NE	9/19 E	10/21 E	9/19 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-8	-2/-9	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-10	-3/-9	-4/-10	-5/-12	-6/-13
900	0/-5	0/-5	-1/-7	-1/-7	-0/-6	0/-5	-1/-6	-2/-8	-3/-9
600	2/-2	2/-3	1/-5	1/-5	2/-3	3/-1	2/-2	1/-4	-0/-6
300	4/2	4/0	3/-1	4/0	5/3	6/4	5/2	4/0	2/-1
Glen	6/4	5/3	5/1	6/3	8/5	8/6	7/4	5/2	4/1
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	700m	600m	600m	700m	600m	500m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold in the moderate to fresh easterly winds. Note lowering freezing levels, snowpack likely to become firm and icy.

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023
Weather: Mostly dry with some clear then sunny spells. A few isolated snow showers are possible in the afternoon. Dry with clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northeast becoming North 15-20 mph gusting 30 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility. Any early morning low cloud soon lifts and disperses to leave just occasional patches on the highest summits at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200-300m, falling to sea level in the evening and overnight.

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